1	2	3	4
	(b) SPV Water Pumps		600 Nos.
	(c) Other SPV Systems		1720 KW
5.	Wind Energy Programme	90.00	
	(a) Wind Pumps		4000 Nos.
	(b) Wind Battery Chargers		500 Nos.
	(c) Wind Power		100 MW*
6.	Urjagram (Surveys)	1.00	
7.	Biomass Development Programme	15·00 @	
8.	Human and Animal Energy Programme	1.00	
9.	Bioenergy Development Programme	20·00	300 MW*
10.	Small Hydel Power Development Programme	100.00	200 MW*
11.	Alternate Fuels for Surface Transportation	10.00	
12.	Magneto Hydro Dynamics	10.00	
13.	Geo-thermal Energy		
14.	Chemical Sources of Energy		
15.	Ocean Energy		
16.	Hydrogen Energy		
17.	Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.	10·00	
18.	Regional Offices etc.	10·00	
19.	Information & Publicity		
20.	Seminars/Conferences		
21.	International Cooperation		
22.	Data Bank/TIFAC		
23.	Solar Energy Centre	15·00	
24.	Special Area Programmes & Demonstration Activities	5·00	
II.	*Integrated Rural Energy Programme*	85.00+	
1.	New IREP Blocks		300 Nos.
2.	Minimum Domestic Energy Needs	**	

@Includes Biomass Gasifiers;

*Includes Private Sector;

xInitially Rs. 250·00 crores were indicated;

**Rs. 500.00 crores were indicated in the 8th Plan document, but yet to be made available.

Projects cleared under non-Conventional Energy Sources

747. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects have been cleared under non-coventional energy programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that some MOUs have been signed, if so, the details thereof: and

(c) what is the present situation regarding implementation of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is implementing a large number of projects/programmes covering the entire range of renewable energy technologies. Major projects/programmes are being implemented in the field of solar energy, wind. biogas, biomass, cogeneration, small hydro, energy recovery from waste etc.

The Solar Energy Centre of MNES has signed a MOU with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Deptt. of Energy, USA in December, 1994 for cooperation in the field of testing, exchange of non-proprietary scientific information, solar radiation data collection and establishment of links between renewable energy information net works in India and USA etc.

Another MOU has been signed in February, 1995 by the Ministry with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), USA, to assess, develop renewable benefit. In addition, other MOUs have been signed between institutions to enable formation of joint ventures which will help investment for the growth of the renewable energy sector. Necessary steps are being taken to facilitate implementation of these MOUs.

Age limit for Civil Services Examinations for OBCs

748. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision regarding raising the age limit for civil services examinations for other Backward Classes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the reasons and rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary amendments raising the upper age limit by 3 years and the maximum number of attempts to 7, in favour of O.B.C. candidates who are otherwise eligible, have since been carried out in the Civil Services Examination Rules, 1995. A copy of the Notification dated the 25-1-95 is enclosed. (**See below**). The decision has been taken to ensure the full implementation of the 27 per cent reservation accorded to Other Backward Classes in the Civil Services Examinations.

Statement

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING

NOTIFICATION

No. 13018/17/93-AIS(I):— in the Rules for Civil Services Examination 1995 published in Part I, Section 1 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 24.12.1994 the following amendments may be carried out:—

(i) The following proviso shall be added below the first proviso to rule 4:—

"Provided further that the number of attempts permissible to candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes, who are otherwise eligible, shall be seven."

(ii) The following shall be added as sub-rule (x) to rule 6(b):—

"Upto a maximum of three years in the case of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes who are eligible to avail of reservation applicable to such candidates."